



Employee Recognition - 30 Years of Service

At this week's City Council meeting, the City Council honored Ramon "Freddy" Canedo, Street Sweeper Operator in the Public Works Department. Starting with the city in 1990 in the Parks division, Freddy then moved to the Sewer division where he worked for 10 years, and then in 2010 he transferred to the Street Sweeping division. Freddy always has a great attitude and

regularly puts his heart into his work. These are the qualities that we all aspire to achieve each day at work. Thank you for your dedication and 30 years of service to National City!

Telecommuting

With the start of the school year (mostly virtually), we understand that some employees may need to temporarily utilize telecommuting. If you are having difficulty accessing childcare options, please discuss your circumstances with your Department Director. We want to support all of our employees during COVID and provide flexibility where needed while also balancing our need to serve the public. I'm including a link to the City's COVID page [here](#) that has additional information on COVID-related telecommuting and Emergency Advance Leave policy for reference. As always, feel free to reach out to Human Resources with any questions you may have.

Reopening of Select Business Operations

We received good news from the County this week that the number of new cases diagnosed in National City is starting to stabilize for the first time since the pandemic began. While we are relieved by this news, we are by no means out of the woods. South Bay continues to have overall high rates of infection so please continue to diligently wear your masks and maintain social distance. Last Friday, the Governor announced "The Blueprint for a Safer Economy." The blueprint replaces the State Monitoring list for reducing COVID-19 in the state with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities. In addition, a number of different businesses types may operate **indoors** with modifications and updated Safe Reopening Plan. They may also continue with their previously approved current outdoor operations. This includes dine-in restaurants at 25% capacity or 100 people. For more information on reopening limitations by business type, you can visit the County of San Diego's [Safe Reopening website](#).

Casa De Salud Youth Center

We will be reopening Casa De Salud on September 8 for a day camp for youth ages 8-17. The camp will run from 3-7 pm Monday through Friday. If registration exceeds 12 participants, we will begin a wait list and can accommodate up to 24 kids. Staff have already received training related to COVID-19 and new operating procedures, including sanitizing every 2 hours. We are very excited to welcome youth back to the Center, and

we will continue to look at ways to increase our operations and services in light of the State and County's new guidance.

City Hall Gym Reopens!

In response to the state's revised guidance, the gym at City Hall is once again open. We are asking employees to limit capacity at one time to 4 employees, and to clean equipment with the alcohol wipes provided after use. We have also added a HEPA air filter to the room. We recognize how important it is for everyone to maintain their physical fitness; however, continued use of the gym will depend on responsible shared use so please be courteous to your fellow coworkers.

September 11, 2020

This year marks the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The National City Firefighters Local 2744 will host the remembrance ceremony virtually. The community is encouraged to watch the ceremony live on the [Firefighters Local 2744 Facebook page](#) at 8:00am. The American flag will be flown from the ladder truck in front of Station #34 (343 E 16th St) from 8:30am - 10am to honor all the heroic first responders who perished on this tragic day in our history.

Together We Can! - Community Services, Recreation Staff

Recreation Center Supervisor, Elyana Delgado, began coordinating the Free Emergency Lunch Program at Casa De Salud Youth Center shortly after COVID-19 began. Currently, staff distributes 250 lunches each day Monday-Friday! Thank you to our Recreation staff who continue to serve our community: Carlos Carrillo, Destiny Gallegos-Muñoz, Cassandra Martinez, Joshua Perez, Breana Rodrigues, Michelle Rodriguez, Wendy Romero, Raquel Verity, and Marilyn Villalba. Pictured below from left to right is Carlos Carrillo, Michelle Rodriguez, and Elyana Delgado.

